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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAIR, FR

SUBJECT: FATAL ACCIDENT PIPER N 8184P NEAR EVREUX

- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FEB. 1 COPY OF TELEX SENT IN FRENCH TO NTSB BY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BUREAU, DGAC. EMBASSY WAS ONLY APPRISED OF ACCIDENT JAN. 31 WHEN DGAC ASKED FAA HELP IN SECURING INFO CONTAINED IN PARA. 4 BELOW. WE HAD SEEN NO MENTION OF ACCIDENT IN THE PRESS AND WE EXPRESSED SURPRISE DGAC WAS INFORMING EMBASSY, AND NTSB, OF ACCIDENT ONLY AT THIS LATE DATE.
- 2. INFO CONTAINED DGAC TELEX TO NTSB IS AS FOLLOWS: FATAL ACCIDENT INVOLVED PIPER COMMANCHE PA-24 BEAURING US REGISTRY N 8184P ON DEC. 31, 1976 AT 10.32 AM IN OPEN AREA NEAR TOWNS OF ORMES AND EVREUX, DEPARTMENT OF EURE WEST OF PARIS. AIRCRAFT ENROUTE FROM TOUSSUS-LE-NOBLE (G.A. AIRPORT NEAR PARIS) TO ISLE OF JERSEY. AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PILOT HAROLD HILL AND 3 FRENCH PASSENGERS KILLED. AIR-CRAFT TOTAL WRECK. APPARENTLY STRUCTURAL FAILURE OCCURRED IN IFR FLIGHT CONDITIONS. FRENCH AUTHORITIES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION.

3. DGAC INVESTIGATOR ALSO TOLD US THERE WAS HEAVY TURBULENCE IN AREA AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

4. EMBASSY RECORDS SHOW RECEIPT DGAC NOTIFICATION DATED MAY 9, 1974 INDICATING HAROLD HILL WAS SUSPENDED FROM FLYING ONE YEAR IN FRANCE FOR VIOLATING FRENCH RULES WE ALSO FIND NO RECORD OF REGISTRY ABOVE AIRCRFT IN LAST TWO ISSUES OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT REGISTERS. HOWEVER, DGAC REQUIRES FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES INDICATION OF DATE AND VALIDITY OF AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE FOR AIRCRAFT OF ABOVE REGISTRY. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF FAA OKLAHOMA CITY COULD HELP CLARIFY SITUATION. PLEASE SEND REPLY TO APAR-1.

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